

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1. - 28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) A fuel can with a can body containing a fuel filling and a cover lid which is formed by a sealing foil and which by sealing onto a flange like rim of the can body is firmly connected to the can body, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that at least one opening in the cover lid is producable by a complete or partial severing or detaching of one or more lid portion elements along one or several material bonded predetermined breaking locations and ~~in that~~ the sealing foil of the cover lid comprises, apart from the sealing layer, at least two metal foils interconnected by a synthetic material layer located between same, and in particular, whereby the metal foils are aluminum foils, which are interconnected with each other by a ~~pe-layer~~ polyethylene layer.

30. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a first one of the two metal foils is weakened or interrupted along the predetermined breaking location whereas the second metal foil is continuous in the area of the predetermined breaking location.

31. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 30, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second metal foil faces the can body.

32. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein after the complete severing of the predetermined breaking locations, the severable or detachable lid portion elements remain undetachably connected at the cover lid.

33. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least a part of the severable or detachable lid portion elements are designed as peel-off foil elements, and ~~in particular, in that they~~ are formed by a peel-off foil element extending across the entire cover lid.

34. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least a part of the severable or detachable lid portion elements is designed as a ~~subarea~~ sub-area which is detachable from the cover lid.

35. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that by a severing or detaching of one or several lid portion elements, various openings and/or a differing number of openings are selectively producible in the cover lid.

36. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the severable or detachable lid portion elements are equipped with opening aid means, in particular with a pulling flap or a pulling ring in order to facilitate a severing or detaching of same, and ~~in particular, in that~~ the opening aid means are designed in such a manner that they project over an outer border of the fuel can and may be gripped by hand.

37. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that by the severing or detaching of the lid portion elements, openings with an opening pattern with at least two axes of symmetry are producible in the cover lid, and ~~in particular, in that~~ such opening patterns are producible of which the axes of symmetry intersect in a vertical axis through the center of the can body.

38. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that by the severing or detaching of the lid portion elements, a center opening is producible in the cover lid which has substantially the same shape as the surface of a fuel filling in the can body at a medium level of fill and is concentrically arranged relative to same.

39. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 38, characterized in that a substantially circular or quadratic center opening is producible, and in particular, in that it comprises an area which corresponds to at least 15 %, ~~in particular to at least 20 %~~ of the surface area of a fuel filling in the can body at a medium level of fill.

40. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 38, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein by the severing or detaching of the lid portion elements, in addition to the central opening one or several strip shaped opening pattern elements are producible which are extending radially outwards from same, which in particular are extending up to the edge of the cover lid.

41. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 40, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the radially outwards extending strip shaped opening pattern elements ~~[[(10)]]~~ pass smoothly into the central opening, and ~~in particular, in that~~ the center opening forms together with such a radially outwards extending strip shaped opening element a pear-shaped opening.

42. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 40, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein two such strip shaped opening pattern elements are producible which are located precisely opposite of each other.

43. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 38, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ by a severing or detaching of the cover portion element, further small in particular circular openings are producible in the cover lid in addition to the central opening, which in particular surround the center opening concentrically and with a uniform pitch.

44. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that the severing or detaching of the lid portion elements causes an irreversible elimination of the material bond along the predetermined breaking locations.

45. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the can body is a deep drawn cup or a deep drawn bowl of aluminum or tin plate.

46. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fuel filling consists of a fuel paste with or without wick, in particular of thickened ethyl alcohol, isopropanol or methanol without wick.

47. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fuel filling consists of a fuel with or without wick which is solid at room temperature, in particular of polyethylene glycols, stearin, paraffin, hydrocarbon-derivates, waxes, wax-like fuels or their derivates, resp., or of a mixture thereof as well as a wick.

48. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fuel filling consists of a fuel received in an absorptive, in particular cotton or fleece like material, and in particular, in that the absorptive material during the burning of the fuel has the function of a wick.

49. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 48, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fuel is a fuel which is liquid at room temperature, in particular diethylene glycol.

50. (currently amended) The fuel can according to claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fuel is a fuel which is solid at room temperature, in particular polyethylene glycol.

51. (currently amended) A fuel can with a can body containing a fuel filling and a cover lid which is formed by a sealing foil and which by sealing onto a flange like rim of the can body is firmly connected to the can body, wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that at

least one opening in the cover lid is producable by a complete or partial severing or detaching of one or more lid portion elements along one or several material bonded predetermined breaking locations and ~~in that~~ the sealing foil of the cover lid comprises, apart from the sealing layer, at least two aluminum foils, which are interconnected with each other by a ~~pe-~~ polyethylene layer, wherein a first one of the two metal foils is weakened or interrupted along the predetermined breaking location whereas the second metal foil is continuous in the area of the predetermined breaking location and faces the can body and wherein after the complete severing of the predetermined breaking locations, the severable or detachable lid portion elements remain undetachably connected at the cover lid.

52. (currently amended) A fuel can with a can body containing a fuel filling and a cover lid which is formed by a sealing foil and which by sealing onto a flange like rim of the can body is firmly connected to the can body, wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that at least one opening in the cover lid is producable by a complete or partial severing or detaching of one or more lid portion elements along one or several material bonded predetermined breaking locations and ~~in that~~ the sealing foil of the cover lid comprises, apart from the sealing layer, at least two aluminum foils, which are interconnected with each other by a ~~pe-~~ layer polyethylene layer, wherein a first one of the two metal foils is weakened or interrupted along the predetermined breaking location whereas the second metal foil is continuous in the area of the predetermined breaking location and faces the can body and wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that by a severing or detaching of one or several lid portion elements, various openings and/or a differing number of openings are selectively producable in the cover lid.

53. (currently amended) A fuel can with a can body containing a fuel filling and a cover lid which is formed by a sealing foil and which by sealing onto a flange like rim of the can body is firmly connected to the can body, wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that at least one opening in the cover lid is producible by a complete or partial severing or detaching of one or more lid portion elements along one or several material bonded predetermined breaking locations and ~~in that~~ the sealing foil of the cover lid comprises, apart from the sealing layer, at least two aluminum foils, which are interconnected with each other by a ~~pe-~~ layer polyethylene layer, wherein a first one of the two metal foils is weakened or interrupted along the predetermined breaking location whereas the second metal foil is continuous in the area of the predetermined breaking location and faces the can body and wherein the cover lid is designed in such a manner that by the severing or detaching of the lid portion elements a center opening, which has substantially the same shape as the surface of a fuel filling in the can body at a medium level of fill and is concentrically arranged relative to same, and one or several strip shaped opening pattern elements, which are extending radially outwards from same, in particular up to the edge of the cover lid, and smoothly pass into the central opening, are produceable in the cover lid.

54. (currently amended) A cover lid of a sealing foil for a fuel can, ~~in particular for a fuel can~~ according to one of the preceding claims, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing foil comprises a predetermined breaking location and in addition to the sealing layer at least two metal foils interconnected by a synthetic material layer located between same, of which a first one is weakened or interrupted along the predetermined breaking location and of which a second one is preferably continuous at the area of the predetermined breaking location,

wherein the cover lid is fuel tight, and in particular, wherein the metal foils are aluminum foils which are interconnected through a ~~pe-layer~~ polyethylene layer.

55. (currently amended) A sealing foil[[s]] for the production of a cover lid according to claim 26, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing foil comprises apart from the sealing layer at least ~~two metal foils interconnected by a synthetic material layer located between same~~, in ~~particular~~ two aluminum foils, which are interconnected through a ~~pe-layer~~ polyethylene layer located between same and wherein one aluminum foil is continuous and carries the sealing layer.

56. (previously presented) A use of the fuel can according to one of the claims 1 to 25 as a thermal, heat or light source, in particular as burner for a stove or as lamp.